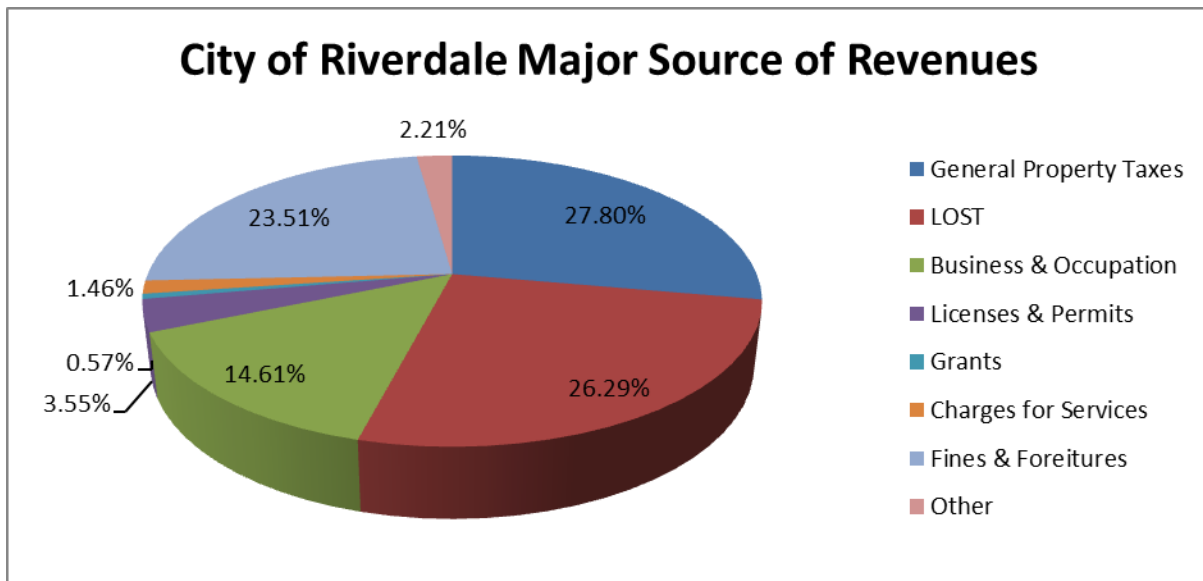


The City of Riverdale's governing body (Mayor and Council) adopts an annual operating budget each fiscal year. The annual budget funds the delivery of services to residents and business owners through police, fire, general services, planning, E-911 services, code enforcement and recreation. The City's fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30 each year.

The charts below describe the revenue sources used to pay for services and how these revenues are spent.



Major Expenditure	Descriptions
Wages and Benefits	Salaries, payroll taxes, retirement and employee insurance.
Debt Services	Principle and Interest Payments
Lease Payments	Payments for use of copier, equipment and/or space.
Repairs & Maintenance	Cost to maintain in normal operating condition.
Capital Cost	Cost to purchase or construct an asset. For example vehicles, furniture, equipment or construction cost.
Insurance	Insurance coverage for commercial, liability, vehicle, workmen compensation, and other coverage.
Utilities & Telephone	Cost of natural gas, electricity, and water and telephone service.
Fuel Cost	Gasoline and diesel cost.
Other Operating Cost	Office supplies, consultants, supplies, training and other operating cost.

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Many traditional revenue sources have been drastically reduced because of the Recession that began in 2008. During the same time that revenue sources such as sales and property taxes decreased, goods such as fuel, healthcare and energy costs have increased. In order to maintain a balanced budget as required by Georgia State laws, spending was sharply curtailed by reducing employee pay and benefits by instituting furloughs and layoffs and reducing retirement benefits.

Although the country is slowly headed toward recovery local revenues are still lagging behind. Sales and use taxes are currently less than what was collected during this time last year and the dramatic drop in property values because of high foreclosures in Clayton County continues.

The 2013 Annual Budget is currently being developed. A Budget Public Hearing is held each year prior to the adoption of the annual budget. Residents and interested parties may attend and comment or ask questions on the proposed spending plan during this hearing. The questionnaire below provides you with an opportunity to indicate your preferences before a final budget is prepared and recommended to the Riverdale Mayor and Council.

Please take a few moments and participate in this important questionnaire. Click [here](#) to take the survey and remember, your voice counts!